



The Session and members of First Presbyterian Church, Fargo extend a sincere welcome to you. We are grateful for your presence today! We welcome all persons regardless of race, nationality, disability, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and to serve as an officer of the church.

We recycle! If you are not taking your bulletin, please drop it in the blue bin at the door as you leave.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

We Gather in Christ

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star
Susan Clambey, guest organist

Pachelbel

WELCOME & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

HYMN 39: *Great is Thy Faithfulness

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

In the light of Christ,

we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's saving love,

let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news:
Christ unmask the idols of our world
and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE:** *Christ, Be Our Light*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ,
be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GIFT OF MUSIC

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come
Sanctuary Choir; Bryan Poyzer, director

Willian

CHILDREN'S TIME

Penny Andrist

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian McClure

Gracious God,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
quicken our understanding
that we may receive the testimony of Scripture
and believe in the signs that reveal your presence.
We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,

so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

May God bless the reading and hearing of this portion of the holy Word.

SECOND LESSON: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey

***HYMN 300:** *We Are One in Spirit*

***PROFESSION OF FAITH:** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Responding to the Word

OFFERING



A reminder that offering plates are at the west & north doors of the sanctuary to receive your offering and yellow attendance cards or use the QR code to access the secure giving portal on our website!

OFFERTORY

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Mya Follingstad, violin; Krista Clusiau, piano

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing the Word into the World

***HYMN 733:** *We All Are One in Mission*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sing Praise to God, who Reigns Above

arr. Clambey



January 16, 2022

Covenant of Prayer: Jennifer; Hannah; Bella Garcia; those who are experiencing homelessness in our community; and our sister congregation in Chogoria, Kenya.

Guest Organist: Susan Clambey is our guest organist today while Sally is on vacation. Susan is celebrating 58 years as a pipe organist in the region. She is also a vocalist, piano teacher, and composer, making superb usage of her degree from Concordia College, Moorhead.

Who's Ready for BINGO?! The EduCon Committee invites you to a congregational fun night fit for all ages. We will have Bingo, karaoke, prizes, and more! Join us **Saturday, January 22, from 6-8:30 pm in the Social Hall.** Feel free to bring a friend or two!

Help with Recycling: We're looking for someone to take our used bulletins and office paper to Minnkota Recycling for the next couple of months. It could be done every other week until our regular volunteer returns from Arizona. Contact Pastor Mary if you're willing to help.

Home Lost in the Colorado Fires: Jenna Iszler (daughter of members Virg and Jocie Iszler) and her husband Rob lost their home in the devastating Marshall fires on December 30th. A GoFundMe account has been set up in their names. Search **GoFundMe** by typing **Rob and Jenna**. "Help Rob and Jenna Rebuild their lives" will pop up. Click on it and follow the directions from there. They made it out with their dogs, but the home was a complete loss. Thank you for your consideration.

PW News: This month, **via Zoom, the PW Bible Study, held Tuesday, January 18 at 2:00 pm**, will focus on Lesson 5, "Ruth and Redemption," led by Pastor Holtey. Even though we'd like to meet in person, this is an excellent way to study and those who ZOOM in, enjoy the lesson.

Our YWCA representative has posted a sign on our bulletin board, listing the items we are focusing on each month. This month the focus will be Laundry/Dishwasher pods. These can be placed in the YWCA bin in the coat room. We welcome any item from the urgent needs list of the YWCA at any time, as well as pillows.

Hosted Concert: The January program of the FM Area Music Club will be "Jazz in January" presented by the Michael Helm Trio. This **free program will be at 1:00 pm, Monday, January 17**, in the Jennie Roberts Room. All are welcome to attend!

2021 Year End Contribution Statements have been mailed! Watch your mailbox for your 2021 contribution statement that was mailed this past week. Please review carefully and contact Jan Lundgren in the office if you have questions: jlundgren@firstpresfargo.org or 701.293.6311.

Hearing devices and large print copies of today's hymns are available; please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery: Staff will be present **beginning at 9:15** for infants through 3 years, in the nursery complex on the 1st floor.

Activity Bags for Children: Fun-filled tote bags are located at both doors.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located in the Gathering Space and on the lower level.

Prayer Request Cards: Cards are in pew racks for your use. Prayers will be committed to God along with the other offerings and also lifted up in prayer by the staff.

Peace Candles: The candle burning on the chancel symbolizes peace. We ask guests to take a candle back to your church as a gift from us. Peace candles can be found at the Welcome Center, near the west doors.

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is available throughout the church (password: community650).

FPC Officers

Session: Kim Carter, Lisa Edison-Smith, Colleen Ford-Dunker, Bruce Furness, Dick Henderson, Ryan Johnston, Kurt Kooyer, Elaine Rudd (clerk), Scott Swanholm, Paula Thomas, Kevin Tobosa, Becky Trumbo, and Jeff Wilkens.

Deacons: Brenda Deckard, Ed Deckard, Rick Herberg, Beatrice Janaka, Jane Mathew (moderator), Karen Rivers, Kathleen Thomas, Debbie Tight, and Amy Wilkens.

Treasurer: Sherri Stern

Church Staff

Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey-*Head of Staff, Associate Pastor*
Sally Harmon-*Music Coordinator & Organist*
Bryan Poyzer-*Adult Choir Director*
Jan Lundgren-*Business Manager*
Penny Andrist-*Children's Ministry Coordinator*
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All staff emails are:
(first initial & last name of person)@firstpresfargo.org

L:Live Stream Option, H:Hybrid, Z:Zoom

Sunday, January 16

12:00 Confirmation

Monday, January 17

1:00 FM Area Music Club program

6:30 Session (Z)

Tuesday, January 18

8:30 Bulletin Articles Due

9:30 Esther Circle (off-site)

2:00 PW Bible Study (Z)

Wednesday, January 19

5:30 St. Andrew's Brass / Genesis Ringers

6:15 Children/Youth Choirs

6:30 Westminster Ringers

7:00 Youth Group

7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 20

1:00 Compass #2

Friday, January 21 *No Church Events*

Saturday, January 22

6:00 Congregational Fun Night

Sunday, January 23

9:15 Sunday School for All

10:30 Worship Service (L)

12:00 Confirmation

For Your Information

January 9 Worship Attendance:

60 in person, 54 Livestreamed

Contributions Received: \$6,710.00



Church Information

Office Hours:

M-TH, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

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